

Rule 8.01 | ARBITRATION

(a) It is the purpose of the Court, through adoption and implementation of this rule, to provide an alternative mechanism for the resolution of civil disputes in accord with 28 U.S.C. Sections 651-658.

(b) The Chief Judge shall certify those persons who are eligible and qualified to serve as arbitrators under this rule. An individual may be certified to serve as an arbitrator under this rule if admitted to The Florida Bar for at least five (5) years, admitted to practice before this Court, and determined by the Chief Judge competent to perform the duties of an arbitrator. An advisory committee or committees comprised of members of the bar in each Division of the Court, respectively, may be constituted to assist the Chief Judge in screening applicants and aiding in the formulation and application of standards for selecting arbitrators.

(c) Each individual certified as an arbitrator shall take the oath or affirmation prescribed by 28 U.S.C. Section 453 before serving as an arbitrator. Depending upon the availability of funds from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, or other appropriate agency, arbitrators may be compensated for their services in such amounts and in such manner as the Chief Judge shall specify from time to time. No arbitrator shall charge or accept for services any fee or reimbursement from any other source. Any member of the bar who is certified and designated as an arbitrator pursuant to these rules shall not for that reason be disqualified from appearing and acting as counsel in any other case pending before the Court.